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REF: (A) USNATO 3776; (B) USNATO 3650

1. WE CONCUR IN OBJECTIVE TIMING DESCRIBED IN REF A FOR FOLLOW-UP ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING.

2. WE ARE UNDERTAKING STUDIES IN THE THREE AREAS INCLUDED IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EWG STUDY PROGRAM. THE RESULTS OF OUR STUDIES WILL BE PROVIDED AS US INPUTS TO THE SHAPE AND DRC STUDIES. BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT NATO STUDY PROGRAM, DERIVED FROM REFTELS AND A SECRET

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RECENT VISIT TO NATO BY COL. ROBERT EDGE (JCS/J-5), WE

HOPE TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF TWO OF THE STUDIES:

A. ARMOR/ANTI-ARMOR. WE BELIEVE THIS ASSESSMENT SHOULD INCLUDE COUNTING ALL FORCES (NOT JUST DPQ) AVAILABLE IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND THE FULL FIREPOWER SPECTRUM FROM INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS THROUGH AIR-DELIVERED WEAPONS.

B. AIRCRAFT SHELTERS AND AIRFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS STUDY ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY OF ENHANCING AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL THROUGH COLLOCATION/LATERAL DISPERSAL OF US REINFORCING AIRCRAFT.

3. FOR YOUR USE DURING THE EWG EXAMINATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF STANDARDS IN THE STUDY AREAS:

A. SHELTERS. WE BELIEVE NATO SHOULD ADOPT A GOAL OF BUILDING SHELTERS FOR ALL TACTICAL AIRCRAFT BASED IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF EUROPE PLUS SHELTERS FOR ALL US TACTICAL AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THAT REGION BY M PLUS 30.

B. WAR RESERVE STOCKS. WE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT THE MINIMUM 30 DAY STANDARD PRESCRIBED BY MC 55/2, BUT WE DESIRE AGREEMENT ON METHODS OF COMPUTATION AND STOCK LEVEL CRITERIA THAT WILL PERMIT MEASUREMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES' STOCKS BY A CONSISTENT, MEANINGFUL STANDARD. ROGERS

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